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Electronic Submittal via E-Mail

Mr. Hicham Eltal  
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**Subject: Comments on the Merced Subbasin's Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan**

Dear Mr. Eltal:

The East Turlock Subbasin and West Turlock Subbasin groundwater sustainability agencies (GSA) Joint Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) thanks you for the opportunity to comment on the Merced Subbasin Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

We offer no specific comments at this time. We understand there remains opportunity to comment on the GSP before fall adoption hearings, and there remains potential for more coordination and refined comments until such time.

As an adjacent Subbasin to the Merced Subbasin, we look forward to continuing to coordinate with the Merced Subbasin GSAs as we continue to build upon our knowledge and understanding of the Subbasins while we continue to develop, refine and implement our GSPs to achieve sustainability within the region. Interbasin coordination will continue to be a vital part of the groundwater planning and implementation process.

Generally, the Turlock Subbasin GSAs are supportive of the current and historical efforts of the Merced Subbasin GSAs to reach groundwater sustainability and achieve stakeholder participation. As we continue to coordinate with the Merced Subbasin, we would expect to work together to address various data gaps and other opportunities for continued interbasin coordination to present themselves as our combined knowledge of our Subbasins increases and information is developed by our technical teams.

Thank you again for the opportunity to review and comment on the Merced Subbasin Draft GSP. We look forward to continued coordination as both Subbasins continue to move forward toward groundwater sustainability.

Sincerely,

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Kevin Kauffman  
Chair, East Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC

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Michael Cooke  
Chair, West Turlock Subbasin GSA TAC